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In re Application of :
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FOR: IMPROVED SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR FACILITATING PIPE AND CONDUIT
COUPLING

} PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
} IN RESPONSE TO
} FORMALITIES LETTER
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enter the following Amendment.

- - In the Specification - -

- A. - - Page 3, line 7, after "4(a) - 4" delete "(f)" and insert therefor - - (e) - - in
the following illustrated manner ~~(f)~~ (e), such that as amended, line 7
reads as follows - - Figs. 4(a) - 4(e) are top views of forms of retention
means in accordance with the invention. - -
- B. - - Add Abstract of the Disclosure as follows: An improved system and
method for facilitating pipe and conduit coupling comprises a clamp
having at least one screw hole for insertion therethrough of at least one
screw for insertion for a further clamp for being screwed to fasten the
clamps together on ends of pipes to be coupled, at least one gasket